



# **St. Paul's United Church of Christ**

*A welcoming Christ-centered community...*

## **We're Glad You're Here!**

**Welcome:** *St. Paul's creates experiences of joyful fellowship where children, youth, adults, and the elderly build open and honest relationships of mutual support. In welcoming the ongoing transformative power of the Holy Spirit, we find freedom from social stigmas and shame. This in turn empowers us to address isolation and marginalization in ourselves and in our wider community.*

## **Today's Scripture Readings**

Luke 14:16-23

Ministers of the Gospel – All Who Gather for God's Worship

Worship Leader– Rev. Deborah Parker-Hill

Reader – Pat Babel

Ushers – Paul & Wanda Druzba

Accompanist – Barb Moyer

Acolyte – Dave Johnson

## **Flower Dedication**

**Join us for Sunday Morning Music & Worship  
9:30 – 10:30am Sunday In-Person / Zoom Worship**

Connect online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86359317508>

Or by phone to listen to the service:

Call 1-646-876-9923 and when prompted, enter the meeting ID: 863 5931 7508

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Church wifi: StPauls / havefaith

# Welcome and Announcements

## Prelude

*(please rise, in body or in spirit)*

## Call to Worship

Leader: If God threw a party,

**People: all would be invited.**

Leader: If God hosted a dinner,

**People: there'd be a seat saved for each of us.**

Leader: If God prepared a banquet,

**People: a cheer would go up when you arrived.**

Leader: This is the good news: God is throwing a party. God is hosting a dinner.  
God is preparing a banquet, and all are invited.

**All: Let us join the celebration and worship God together!**

Opening Hymn:

**“Just as I Am”**

**NCH #207**

*[New Century Hymnal]*

## Prayers of Transformation

Leader: Let us pray. This Lent, show us how to love others the way you love us.  
With hope in your beloved community we pray....

*(a moment of quiet reflection)*

## Words of Grace

Leader: Friends, no matter how many times we mess up, no matter how many times we lose our way, no matter how many times we decline God's invitation, God will never stop inviting us to the table. There is and always will be a seat saved for you, so join me in proclaiming this good news.

**People: We are forgiven again and again.**

**We are invited, again and again.**

**We are loved, from beginning to end.**

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## **Passing the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## **We Listen For God's Word: Scripture**

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Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon: *The Good News is...All are invited!***

## **Affirmation of Faith**

Leader: Let us affirm the faith that we share.

**All: I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.**

**It sounds like welcome and feels like home.**

**It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy.**

**It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table.**

**I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ because**

**I have seen it alive in the world.**

**And even when my heart aches,**

**even when wars rage,**

**even when mercy feels out of reach,**

**I remember the one who welcomed the children**

**and led with nonviolence.**

**I remember the one who cared for the vulnerable**

**and inspired those around him.**

**I remember that the good news really is good news,**

**for I have seen it alive in the world.**

**Amen.**

## **Gathering the Prayers of the People**

*After each petition, we will say the following –*

Leader: Holy One...

**All: Hear Our Prayer**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**All: Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.**

**Amen.**

### **Offering**

### **Holy Communion**

*[Communion will be served by intinction today. All are welcome to share in the meal. Please come forward as the spirit moves you. Receive ashes, if desired, then receive the bread (which is gluten-free), dip it in the cup (wine is the darker liquid, the grape juice is the lighter), and partake before returning to your seat. There are cup holders for your empty cups in the pews. If you would like ashes and/or communion brought to you, please let an usher know.]*

### **Invitation to the Table**

### **Thanks and Praise**

### **Remembering the Story**

Leader: And we remember that on the night of his betrayal, Jesus ate again with his disciples in an upper room. He shared blessed bread with them (break and hold up bread) and poured out wine (pour wine and hold up cup), signs of his coming death, signs of a life determined to love despite the risk.

**All: Whenever we eat, with whomever we eat, as guests among guests, we remember him. He is with us always, to the end of the age.**

## **Blessing of the Meal and the Ashes**

### **Imposition of Ashes and Sharing the Meal**

*(please rise, in body or in spirit)*

#### **Prayer after the Meal**

Leader: Thank you God,

**All: for inviting us to this Banquet of Life, and feeding us with the good news of Jesus. You are always glad to have us here around your family table. Help us notice who is missing. Send us to them with your standing invitation to come, to eat, to know love, and to be at home. Amen.**

#### **Sending Hymn: “As We Gather at Your Table”**

**NCH #332**

*[New Century Hymnal]*

### **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

*Liturgy adapted from:*

*“Tell Me Something Good: Grounding Ourselves in the Good News this Lent,” by Rev. Sarah Speed, © 2026 A Sanctified Art/Words for Worship.*

*Offering Dedication Prayer adapted from Offering Prayers 5.2.6: The Worship Sourcebook, ©2004, CRC Publications.*

*Communion liturgy adapted from: Do This: Communion for Just and Courageous Living, “Everyone a Guest” by Mary Luti, ©2023, The Pilgrim Press.*

*Distribution of Ashes adapted from: <https://liturgyoutside.net/ash-wednesday/> by K. Hawkerself*

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## **Announcements**

**Easter Flowers** –If you are interested in purchasing Easter flowers from Spring Garden’s, the offerings are: Lilies (\$15.00), Hyacinth (\$15.00), Daffodils (\$15.00), Tulips (\$15.00), Mums (\$12.00), please contact Betsy Johnson at 610-582-8461. The flowers will be used to decorate the sanctuary for the Easter Sunday worship and they can be taken home immediately following the service. Flower orders and payment is due by Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Daniel Boone School District Food Gift Cards** - In support of the DBASD efforts to provide support for local families in need, St. Paul’s is accepting donations to go toward providing a \$100 food gift card (Boyers or Redner’s), per family. Donations can be made by noting “DBASD Food Gift Cards” on your envelope. Deadline is Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for partnering with St. Paul’s UCC, Berks Ministerium, and the DBASD.

**Super Bowl Pizza Sale** - Dave and Diane Johnson would like to thank everyone who supported the Super Bowl Pizza Sale. We were able to raise \$776.00!!

**The first Sunday of Lent is February 22<sup>nd</sup>.** We will be having imposition of ashes for those who desire it. Daily devotional cards for each day of Lent, as we had last year, will also be available. This year's theme is : "Tell Me Something Good."

### **GOOD NEWS TO SHARE!!! BIRDSBORO SHARES IS LIVE!!!!**

Birdsboro Shares is a mutual aid network that we have been working on. This is a network of neighbors helping neighbors. Whether you have a need, a resource/skill to share, or both, we all enter the network the same way., through the Birdsboro Shares form on St Paul's website. See link:

<https://stpaulsbirdsboro.org/birdsboro-shares-mutual-aid-network/>

Your help is needed to get the word out, so please share with friends and neighbors!!.

**Bible Study** is held in the upper room in the church each Sunday beginning at 8:30am. Join us for good conversation and discussion about the books of the bible.

**“Prayers of the People”** – Our current Elders will be holding meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday evening of each month at 6pm via Zoom. All are welcome including phone participants. Contact Pat Babel at 484-949-5033 to be included in the email distribution. Thank you!

**Caring Closet starting for 2025-2026 school year**

Ashley Griffith, the coordinator for the Daniel Boone School District’s “Caring Closet” sent a flyer to the church asking for the following:

- \* Boys underwear for our Primary Center & Intermediate Center, S-XL & 4/5-12; & all sizes for Middle & High School
- \* Girls underwear for our Primary Center & Intermediate Center, S-XL & 4/5-12; & all sizes for Middle & High School
- \* Universal items such as applesauce squeeze pouches & individual goldfish snacks; children’s toothpaste & toothbrushes; deodorant; tampons & panty liners

**Boyer’s 1% Caring & Sharing** – When shopping at Boyer’s don’t forget to have the cashier scan your 1% Caring & Sharing card (this card has St. Paul’s name printed on the back of it). Every time you use the card Boyer’s will give St. Paul’s a rebate check totaling 1% of the total purchases made by those who used the card. This is a simple and easy way to help St. Paul’s. If you don’t have a card but would like one, please contact the church office.

**Redner’s Save-A-Tape** – We are still collecting Redner’s tapes for which St. Paul’s can receive 1% of the total bill (Excluding items controlled by the government such as tax, milk and tobacco products). Redner’s accepts receipts for redemption up to three years from their printed date and there is no dollar limit. Start saving tapes today! You can drop your receipts in the weekly offering plate or mailed to the church office.

*Electronic Giving is available with the Vanco Mobile App or through our website "Give" page.*



### **St Paul's Weekly Calendar**

Sun, Feb 22	Worship (C)	9:30am
	New Millennium (CE)	7pm-8pm
Tues, Feb 24	Nancy Moyer Counseling (CE-LL)	5:30pm-7pm
	Woman's Club (CE)	7pm
Wed, Feb 25	Disciple Bible Study (CE)	9:30am-10:30am
Thurs, Feb 26	Nancy Moyer Counseling (CE-LL)	5:30pm-7pm
	Currently Sober (CE)	6:30-7:30pm
Fri, Feb 27	Beginners Meeting (CE)	7pm- 8pm
Sat, Feb 28	Nancy Moyer Counseling (CE-LL)	8:30am – 2pm
Sun, Mar 1	Worship (C)	9:30am
	New Millennium (CE)	7pm-8pm

This Week: Church Office Hours

Tues – Thurs 9:00am-1:00pm

This Week: Pastor Deb's Office Hours

Tues/remote 9:00am-1:00pm

Wed/in-office 9:00am-1:00pm

Thurs/remote 9:00am-1:00pm